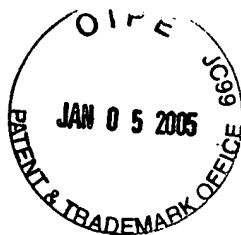


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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a amendment and response to Second Office Action which has a mailing date of December 20, 2004 in the above-entitled invention. The following documents are submitted herewith:

- 1) Amendment and Response to Second Office Action dated December 20, 2004 (including Exhibits A and B); and
- 2) A self-addressed stamped return receipt postcard

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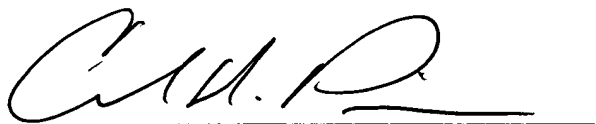
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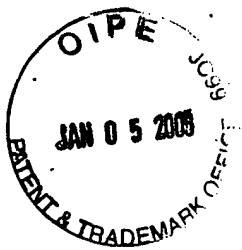
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

The following Response is being submitted in response to the Second Office Action dated December 20, 2004, to which a shortened statutory response period will expire on March 20, 2005. This Response is being filed within the shortened statutory period, and accordingly is believed timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Figures are reflected in the Replacement Sheets and Annotated Sheets Showing Changes contained in Exhibits A and B.

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